SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : Sir, as far as the Dalit representation in the Governing Body is concerned, there are certain norms. We are doing it according to the norms. The Joint Secretary in charge of this Governing Body is, of course, a Dalit. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : He is there because he is the Joint Secretary.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : He is the Joint Secretary. Therefore, he is there. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : I agree that he happens to be the Joint Secretary. He is a Dalit also. There is nothing wrong in it. At the same time we are willing to give due consideration to this suggestion. We are second to none in helping Dalits. Sir, his other question was about the volumes printed so far. We have printed 12,500 popular edition volumes in Hindi.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Only 12,500.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : That is only one edition. There are 2,500 library edition volumes in Hindi and 1,000 popular edition volumes in eight regional languages.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Sir, These are only 4,000 library edition copies.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : There are in eight languages.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Sir, in eight languages, there are only 1000 copies. How many libraries are there in the country? *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : This is the first effort made by our Government. We have been . . . *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : They have got only 1,000 copies in eight languages. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : Sir, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation will be reconstituted very soon. It is under the active considerations of the Government. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : It was Mr. V. P. Singh who unveiled the portrait of Dr. Ambedkar in the Central Hall.

SHRI J. S. RAJU : Sir, I have got three points to be raised. Will the Government consider publishing the works of Dr. Ambedkar in other Indian languages? If so, will the Government entrust the translation and publication of the works to the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting? Will the Government entrust this work to professional institutions like the Sahitya Akademi or the National Book Trust? They have got vast experience in the field of translation. The third part of my question is very important. Will the Government take immediate steps to acquire the buildings and places where Dr. Ambedkar lived and declare them as national monuments?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU : Sir, as I said earlier, we have translated the works in Hindi, Tamil and Gujarati. Apart from these, we are going to print volumes in Oriya, Bengali, Punjabi, Kannada, Malayalam and Telugu. We have already brought out . . . *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Sir, we want a half-an-hour discussion on this question.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Sir, I want a half-an-hour discussion on this.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please give notice for that. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Organisations for Spastics and Mentally Handicapped

*245. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any Government/ Non-Government organisations for helping the spastics and other mentally handicapped persons, to live a dignified life;

(b) if so, the details of the aid given to different Non-Government Organisations in the field during the last three years as on date; and

(c) what are the modus-operandi of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of grants given to voluntary

organisations are at Annexures. [*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 36]

(c) Voluntary Organisations are given financial assistance upto the extent of 90% of the estimated amount on the basis of recommendations of the concerned State Government for providing education, vocational training and social/psychological rehabilitation to the spastics and mentally handicapped persons. 10% of finance is raised by voluntary organisations themselves out of their own resources.

Admission Guidelines to the Aided Senior Secondary School in Delhi

*246. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Administration have issued any admission guidelines to the aided-Senior Secondary Schools of Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi Administration have received complaints against the admission system in the aided Senior Secondary Schools; and

(d) if so, the names of the schools against whom Government have received complaints and what action has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Admission to Govt. and Govt. Aided schools under Delhi Administration is regulated by the provisions of Delhi School Education Act and Rules, 1973. The rules provide that the Director of Education shall regulate admission to aided schools either on the basis of an admission test or on the basis of results of a student in a class.

According to the information furnished by the Delhi Administration, educational districtwise-admission plan is prepared well in advance prior to the commencement of the academic session. Such a plan covers all the Govt. Aided schools and schools under local bodies. Students coming from un-recognised schools or from other States are also taken care of in the plan. The plan seeks to provide facility of admission in a neighbourhood school.

Keeping in view of the aforesaid provision, admission criteria for class XI is determined taking into consideration availability of seats in the different streams ie. Science, Commerce and Humanities. Till 1992 the criteria for admission in class XI in Science and Commerce streams was 35% marks in Maths and 40% in aggregate which was revised this year. It was made 45% in Mathematics and Science separately for admission to Science stream and 45% in Maths for Commerce stream. The primary reason for making changes in eligibility criteria for admission into class XI was to bring improvement in the results in Senior Secondary Board Examination. There have been no complaints against the admission system but representations have been received saying that the prescribed percentage of marks for admission into Science and Commerce streams in class XI was too high. Delhi Administration modified this criteria and a relaxation of 5% marks in Maths was allowed for admission in Science and Commerce streams. Besides relaxation of 5% marks to SC/ST, Physically Handicapped persons and persons proficient in sports and cultural activities and those who have 50% marks in aggregate, was allowed.

Training in Cultural Field

*247. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Department of Culture to Impart training to the persons of outstanding talent in cultural field; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There is a scheme with the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training under which scholarships are given to talented children in the age group of 10-14 years for training in various cultural fields. Under this Scheme, 300 scholarships are awarded all over the country every year. Apart from this, there is a Scheme directly operated by the Department of Culture under which 200 scholarships are given every year to young workers of the age group of 18-28 years for advanced training in the fields of music, dance, drama, painting, etc.

The Department of Culture is operating another scheme for award of fellowship to outstanding artistes in the fields of performing, literary and plastic arts, to provide the basic